

PHARMACY PRACTICE RESIDENCY OVERVIEW

Residency Goals, Requirements and Rotations

The PGY1 Pharmacy Practice residency is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. The primary focus of this residency is to develop the resident into a competent clinical practitioner who will contribute to positive patient outcomes. The goal of the residency program is to develop competency in the areas of acute patient care, ambulatory/primary care, drug information and practice management. The resident will achieve these goals through participation in the following required rotations: acute internal medicine, ambulatory/primary care medicine, clinical and administrative practice management and research. A variety of elective specialty rotations are available. In addition, completion of a residency research project is required. The project will be presented at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and the Eastern States Resident Conference. The resident is required to participate in our quality assurance programs and formulary management programs. The resident will attend various institutional meetings (Medication Management, Pharmacy Administration Supervisory Meetings, etc.). The resident participates in the training of UConn and SJC School of Pharmacy students.

General Information (Refer to ASHP Residency Directory for more detailed information)

- **Duration/Type:** 12 mo/residency
- **Number of Positions:** 3
- **Starting Date:** July 1
- **Estimated Stipend:** \$45,295
- **Interview Required:** Yes
- **Training Site Type:** VA Medical Center (inpatient and outpatient care)
- **Owner Affiliate:** Federal Government
- **Model Type(s):** Teaching
- **Patients Enrolled:** 50,000
- **Tax Status:** Nonprofit
- **Number of Medical Centers:** 1 hospital and 2 ambulatory care clinic sites
- **Total Beds:** 150 (Average census: 120)

Benefits

The Residency program begins July 1st of the current year and ends June 30th of the subsequent year. VACT Healthcare System will hire the resident as a 1-year term employee entitled to the following benefits:

- 4 hours of accrued annual (vacation) and sick leave per pay period (every two weeks)
- 10 paid holidays
- Health and Life Insurance (80% of premium paid by employer) - a full range of health plans are available
- Tuition and travel to the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and the Eastern States Resident Conference

Application requirements (See "How to Apply" for more detailed instructions on the application process)

To apply you must:

- Be a citizen of the U.S.A.
- Be a graduate of an ACPE-accredited Doctor of Pharmacy degree program
- Be licensed pharmacist or eligible for licensure in any state
- Adhere to the rules of the resident matching program RMP process

Applications must include

- Letter of Intent
- VA Form #10-2850c Form
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official Transcript
- On-site interview (preferred)

Please visit our website for additional information:

www.vactresidency.shutterfly.com

Applications must be received by January 7, 2012.

Electronic submission of application materials is preferred using the following email address:

vactpharmacyresidency1@gmail.com

Any mailed applications can be forwarded to **Becky Curtin, PharmD, BCPS** at the address below:

VACT Healthcare System
Pharmacy Service (119)
950 Campbell Avenue
West Haven, CT 06516

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VA CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency



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950 CAMPBELL AVENUE
WEST HAVEN, CT 06516

NEWINGTON CAMPUS
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NEWINGTON, CT 06111

PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at VA Connecticut

ABOUT US

The VA Connecticut (VACT) Healthcare System is an integrated institution which provides a full range of outpatient and inpatient services, with two campus sites located in the central (Newington) and southern (West Haven) parts of the state. The Newington Campus is located 20 minutes outside of Hartford and the West Haven Campus is located 15 minutes from New Haven, on Long Island Sound. Each campus is conveniently located with easy highway access and is located midpoint between New York City and Boston, Massachusetts.

VA CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE SYSTEM: AN OVERVIEW

The VA Connecticut Healthcare System serves more than 50,000 veterans who reside in Connecticut and Southern New England. VA Connecticut provides primary, secondary and tertiary care in medicine, geriatrics, neurology, psychiatry and surgery. As part of the VA New England Healthcare System, VA Connecticut is comprised of an inpatient facility and two Ambulatory Care Centers, as well as six primary care Community Based Outpatient Clinics located in outlying areas of the state. Major affiliations include the Yale University School of Medicine, the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and School of Dentistry. VA Connecticut is also affiliated with the University of Connecticut (UConn) and St. Joseph's College (SJC) Schools of Pharmacy and serves as a clinical clerkship site for pharmacy students. VA Connecticut offers ASHP accredited Pharmacy Practice and Geriatric specialty residencies.



The West Haven Campus has a 150-bed hospital, providing acute medical, surgical and psychiatric care.

A full range of primary care and ambulatory care services are also provided.

VA Connecticut conducts research in psychiatry, medicine, surgery, neurology and related basic sciences. Special research programs in West Haven include national centers for research in Schizophrenia, Substance Abuse and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. In addition, the Eastern Blind Rehabilitation Center and Clinic is one of four national programs providing concentrated rehabilitation services to blind veterans enabling them to gain and maintain their independence.

The Newington Campus is a center for excellence for ambulatory care and diagnostic procedures. All medical and surgical subspecialty areas are provided in our Ambulatory Care Areas.



Community Based Outpatient Clinics located in New London, Winsted, Windham, Stamford, Danbury and Waterbury provide Primary Care to veterans in outlying parts of the state.

Other services provided to veterans at VA Connecticut include the following: women's healthcare, home healthcare, dental services, psychological and pastoral counseling, social services, rehabilitation services, foot care, vision and hearing services, alcohol and substance abuse treatment programs, and healthcare for homeless veterans.

PHARMACY PRACTICE AT VA CONNECTICUT

The Pharmacy Service, as well as the entire institution, is completely computerized. Automation is heavily utilized for distribution of pharmaceuticals.

Computers and automation allow pharmacists and technicians time to provide hands on care to our veteran population.

Primary Care clinical pharmacists provide pharmaceutical care to veterans enrolled with their team at the West Haven and Newington campuses. Medication management of hypertension, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, and COPD is emphasized. A pharmacist managed Anticoagulation Clinic monitors patients receiving warfarin at both campuses. Clinical pharmacy specialists also provide services to Acute Internal Medicine, Oncology, Geriatrics, Surgery, Psychiatry, and Home Based Primary Care.



The VA Connecticut Healthcare System maintains a strong affiliation with the UConn and SJC Schools of Pharmacy and acts as a site for pharmacy externships and clerkships. Many of our staff hold faculty appointments at the schools and are involved in teaching didactic portions of the curriculum. The institution highly encourages participation in clinical research and is actively involved in many research projects.

WHO WE SERVE

Of the 25 million veterans currently alive, nearly 3 out of every 4 served during a war or official period of hostility. Approximately a quarter of the nation's population (an estimated 70 million people) are potentially eligible for VA benefits and services because they are veterans, family members, or survivors of veterans.

